

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the largest U. S. Army Corps of Engineers project east of the Mississippi River, the J. Strom Thurmond Lake and Dam was originally authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 and built between 1946 and 1954 as part of a comprehensive plan of development for the Savannah River Basin; and

WHEREAS, Thurmond Lake is one of the largest inland bodies of water in the South and one of the 10 most visited Corps lakes in the nation, serving about seven million visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, mixed strands of pine trees and hardwoods and a variety of plant and animal life cover the reservoir's 1,200-mile shoreline; and

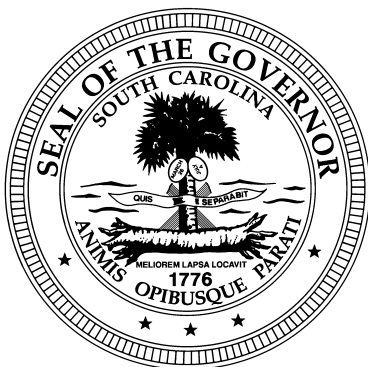
WHEREAS, the J. Strom Thurmond Lake and Dam project has prevented millions of dollars worth of flood damage along the Savannah River, and Thurmond Dam is credited with reducing the amount of sediment carried by the river into Savannah Harbor by 22 percent; and

WHEREAS, April 14, 2004, kicks off the 50th anniversary celebration of the J. Strom Thurmond Lake and Dam at Clarks Hill.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2004, as

THURMOND LAKE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive benefits the J. Strom Thurmond Lake and Dam have had and continue to have on the Palmetto State



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA